

private sector towards financing these power projects in Maharashtra; and

(c) the details of power available at present in the country and the extent shortage against estimated demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Building for Circle Office of Orissa Telecom.

483. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA:
SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Circle Office of Orissa Telecom. Circle is not having its own office building; and

(b) if so, the details of efforts made so far to secure a building/plot from the local administration/housing body so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

The Circle office of Orissa Telecom Circle is now functioning in a departmental building which is a joint property of Postal and Telecom Circle.

However, in view of insufficient accommodation, the Orissa State Government Authority has been requested for allotment of Government Land nearer to the existing Circle Office to construct an additional accommodation for future requirement. The case has not yet been finalised.

Coverage of Konkan Region By Doordarshan

484. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be Pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that vast tracks of areas in Konkan region are not covered either by the Bombay Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) a low power TV transmitter is envisaged to be set up at Kankauli in Sindhudurg district, as part of Doordarshan's Annual Plan 1991-92. Further improvement of TV service in Konkan region would depend upon future availability of resources for the purpose.

[Translation]

Bihar State Electricity Board to Raise Power production

485. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bihar State Electricity Board has not got the approval to raise power generation in Bihar during Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CON-